

**GUIDED READING ACTIVITY 1-1****Early Humans**

Directions: Filling in the Blanks Reading the section and completing the sentences below will help you learn more about early humans. Refer to your textbook to fill in the blanks.

(1) _____ is the story of what happened to humans in the past. The earliest period of human history is called the

(2) _____ period or Old Stone Age.

Since Paleolithic people (3) _____ and gathered their food, they were always on the move. The early Stone Age people had to learn to adapt to their (4) _____.

The taming of (5) _____ changed the lives of the people. As a result of this discovery, the Paleolithic people were able to survive times of extreme cold called the (6) _____.

Over time, people learned to communicate with others through spoken

(7) _____ and through art they painted on

(8) _____ walls. These people were also the first to use

(9) _____ to help them perform tasks.

The next period of human development occurred between 8000 B.C. and 4000 B.C. and is known as the Neolithic Age or the

(10) _____.

One of the most important events in all of human history happened during this time and is known as the

(11) _____ revolution. Farming allowed the people to live in (12) _____ where they built permanent homes.

(13) _____ in the West Bank and

(14) _____ in present-day

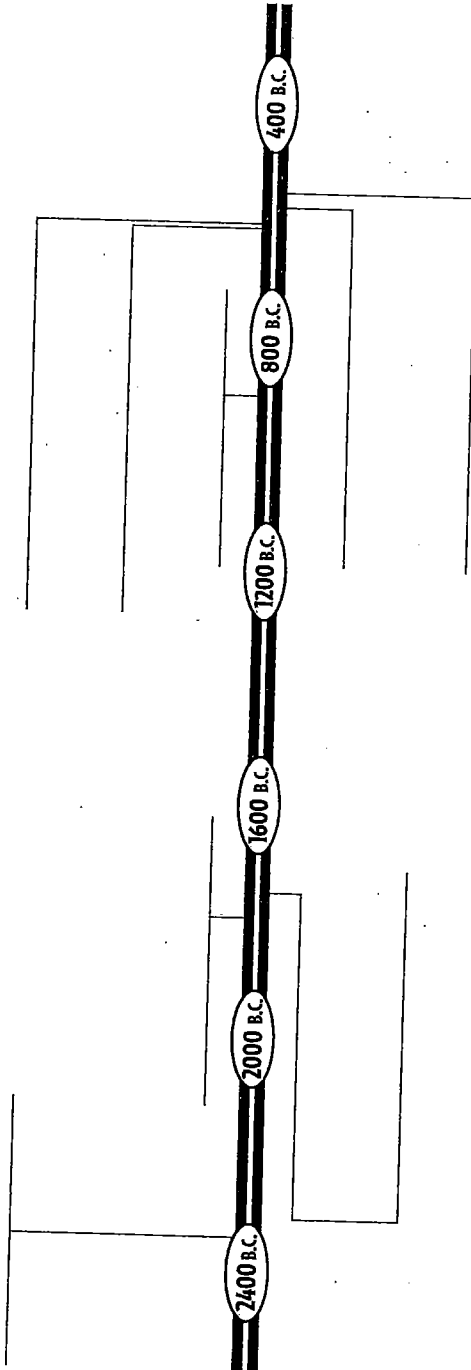
Turkey are two of the earliest known communities in history. The settled life of the village brought about the development of different kinds of jobs otherwise known as (15) _____.

The wide use of metal, especially bronze, would introduce a new period of human history known as the (16) _____.

TIME LINE ACTIVITY 1

The World's First Empires (2400-400 B.C.)

Directions: Use the following information about the world's first empires to complete the time line.



Background

Between 2400 B.C. and 400 B.C., several empires took turns controlling Mesopotamia.

- In 2340 B.C. Sargon conquered all of Mesopotamia.
- About 550 years later, Hammurabi created the Babylonian Empire.
- Around 1750 B.C., Hammurabi wrote the Code of Hammurabi.
- The Assyrians conquered Mesopotamia about 900 B.C.
- The Chaldeans controlled Mesopotamia beginning in 605 B.C.
- The Chaldeans captured Nineveh seven years earlier.
- King Nebuchadnezzar died in 562 B.C.
- The Persians captured Babylon over twenty years later.

CHAPTER 1